



REFUSE, RETHINK, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



*Globally **ONLY** 30% of trash is recycled.*

Some FACTS:

- Increasingly massive landfills are driving people in Indonesia from their homes.
[Indonesia](#)
- Rich countries often export recyclables to poorer nations.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has made our waste and recycling problem worse.
- Each year around 92 million metric tons of textile waste is generated around the world.
- Our trash pile-ups affect animal behavior.
- There's more than one ocean garbage patch around the world (There are at least 5).
- The plastic waste recycling industry has an underbelly of crime.
- The total generation of municipal solid waste (MSW) in 2018 was 292.4 million tons or **4.9 pounds per person per day**.
- Of the MSW generated, approximately 69 million tons were recycled and 25 million tons were composted. Together, almost 94 million tons of MSW were recycled and composted, equivalent to a 32.1 percent recycling and composting rate

Locally - Eastham

- The transfer station for 2021 reported a decrease of nearly 213 tons in solid waste materials.
- The transfer station for 2021 reported an increase of nearly 80 tons in recycled materials.
- Thank you Eastham residents and visitors for your contribution. Let's work to surpass our decrease in waste and increase in recycling for 2022!

Information taken from: [Global Citizen](#), [EPA](#), Eastham Transfer Station report.

The recycling committee is always looking for members. Contact Gary Senecal for more information on how you can get involved. Check out these resources for more information; <http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org>.

www.recyclesmartma.org <https://www.eastham-ma.gov/solid-waste-division/files/2020-2021-transfer-station-guide>